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Discussion Questions (Posed by Facilitator)

- What are you looking for in "passive parks"?
 - A place for wildlife-Fox etc. (along the stream valleys)
 - Hal and Berni Hansen could have some passive parts
 - Green space, picnic areas, trails, nature
 - Dog Parks
 - Community gardens
 - Community center
 - Bigger, accessible space
 - Benches
 - Access to active parks
 - Re-use abandoned Brambleton golf course
 - Children's playground
 - No development, keep it green
 - Picnic area, trails, benches, natural flow, ponds, fishing, no concrete or asphalt
- What County facilities, including schools, do you consider compatible for collocation?
 - Anything with a High School
 - South of Braddock
 - Post office, tax office, DMV, office facilities
 - School and parks
- What does affordable housing mean and how can the County promote it in Dulles?
 - A variety
 - Connection between transportation and housing
 - Putting it closer to metro makes more sense to cut down on traffic congestion
 - Provide more mixed use developments and ADUs
 - Amend ADU ordinance to capture lower income than currently provided
- What are the big school issues that need to be addressed?
 - Why are school playgrounds behind schools? Better access if they were in front
 - LCPS should provide community access to fields when not in use. In general the schools should be more useable for the surrounding community
 - Community meeting rooms
 - Parking lots near sports fields
 - More schools in right places
 - Planning for future schools is not transparent enough
 - Build bigger schools
 - Too many of the same school types are built close to one another (i.e Rock Ridge, Briar Woods)
 - More funding
 - All day Kindergarten/Gifted and Talented
 - High tech and Medical tech education
 - Away from traffic
 - No place for HS graduations in County. Have to go to GMU, expensive rental

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- Satellite academies near related professional center such as the hospital
- Partner with co-operation to provide more resources for schools. Include school program and facilities
- Collocate technical schools near associated employment centers
- Cluster schools. The length of travel to schools is important
- What would convince you to stay in Loudoun for entertainment, cultural attractions, professional services, outdoor activities, etc?
 - More retail
 - Need restaurants similar to the ones in Leesburg (Fireworks, McDowells, etc)
 - Science centers
 - Mixed Use Entertainment (Live/Work/Play)
 - Fine arts
 - Arcola center uses
 - Post office
 - Weekend DMV (Civic Services)
 - Gas Stations
 - Accelerating Brambleton Library
 - Use theaters to bring art films into the County
 - Cultural activities, performing arts
 - A Multipurpose Center North of Route 50
- Are their community concerns about the availability of programs for children?
 - More programs needed at Claude Moore Park
 - Accessibility for young adults
 - Tween Center

Other Topics (Initiated by Participants)

- What kind of hotel?
 - o Full service in Arcola Center
 - o Maybe a Courtyard Marriot, Banquet facilities but not necessarily a conference center
 - Not a ballroom size. Bigger, but not a convention center
 - Kitchenette in rooms
 - o Affordable hotel that can be used by folks visiting the hospital
- Map Notes
 - There will transportation issues related to any event center
 - Outdoor recreation/fishing
 - Expand event center to the Tall Cedars area
 - More hotels near the event center
 - Connection between Loudoun County Pkwy and 606
 - Widening of Evergreen Mills Rd from Belmont Ridge to Loco Pkwy
 - Better pedestrian access along Belmont Ridge north of Briar Woods HS
 - o 12-16 yr old pedestrian friendly entertainment (Skate Park)
 - Commuter Lots
 - o Adessa left off of the map

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- o Traffic light at Claiborne and Ryan Rd
- o Bike path leading to Claiborne
- o Convert gravel road near Loudoun Valley Estates to a link to Rt 606
- o Develop a permanent market at Old Arcola School
- Put sidewalk along Ryan Rd toward Loudoun County Pkwy/no sidewalks/near Belmont Ridge
- Connect lower bike path to upper bike path

Other Needs

- A theater
- Outdoor amphitheater along Rt. 50
- Farmer's Market
- The current area is too shiny and new and has no character
 - Arcola School as a satellite government facility (Add character to Dulles)
 - Reuse of Hal and Berni Hansen House (Add character to Dulles)
- Cost of toll is too high
- Need the infrastructure developed before more housing is approved
- Fully fund the schools
- Roads need more street lighting
- Like the idea of a stadium, but NOT publicly funded
- Mixed opinion on traffic circles
- Park and Rides (North of 50 off of Loco Pkwy)
- Local Bus Service to Metro expansion
- Match road improvements to any new destinations (e.g. event or employment centers)
- o Gas stations, already planned in Brambleton TC, but still need more
- Roads do not have enough streetlighting
- o Employment/Business opportunities needed
 - Mixed Use Office/Business
 - Virtual offsite offices
 - A place where people who work from home can gather to do work and get a sense of working in a location (communal, happy hour on Friday)
- Potential uses in Big Magenta Circle over Slave Quarters (On Work Shop Map)
 - Upscale Restaurants
 - o Art Center
 - Art House Movie Theater